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Title: DEVICE FOR CONVEYING ELASTOMERIC MEDIA, USE OF THE
DEVICE, AS WELL AS TWO OPERATING METHODS

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

The relevance of five of these references (CH 621515 A5, DE 1579001 A1, EP 0508079 A, EP 0508080, and US 5,156,781) to the subject matter of the present invention is given in the Background and Summary of the Invention in the specification of the present invention.

English abstracts summarizing the disclosures of four of the foreign language publications are submitted herewith.

An English abstract and a U.S. counterpart (US 4,286,882) of Swiss Patent Application No. CH 621515 A5 are included herewith.

Applicants are unaware of an English translation of German Patent publication No. DE 1579001.

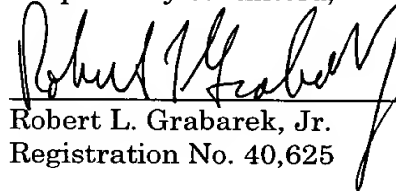
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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